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SUBJECT: SUGGESTED TEXT FOR HIGH-LEVEL CONDOLENCE LETTER ON
DEATH OF FORMER PM BULENT ECEVIT

¶1. (U) This is an ACTION request. Post recommends a high-level (preferably presidential) condolence letter be delivered to Mrs. Rahsan Ecevit on the November 5 death of her husband, former Turkish PM Bulent Ecevit. Ecevit served as Turkey's prime minister four times between 1972 and 2002, and met with President Bush at the White House in 2002. The family has not yet announced details regarding the funeral. Suggested text follows in para 2.

¶2. (U) Begin text:

"Dear Mrs. Ecevit:

I was saddened to hear of the passing of your husband. Mr. Ecevit dedicated most of his life to defending a secular, democratic Turkey. He was a devoted patriot and a distinguished statesman who was respected throughout the world. I feel privileged to have met with him personally.

Please accept my deep condolences.

Sincerely, "

End text.

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